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GOLD

GENETICALLY GIFTED WITH UNCANNY ABILITIES, MUTANTS ARE BELIEVED TO BE THE NEXT STAGE OF HUMAN EVOLUTION. WHILE THE WORLD HATES AND FEARS THEM, KITTY PRYDE HAS REFORMED THE TEAM OF MUTANT HEROES KNOWN AS THE X-MEN TO USE THEIR POWERS FOR GOOD AND SPREAD A POSITIVE IMAGE OF MUTANTKIND.

PREVIOUSLY IN *X-MEN GOLD*...

RECENTLY, A CONGRESSIONAL BILL WAS INTRODUCED THAT, IF ENACTED, WOULD MEAN THE DEPORTATION OF ALL MUTANTS FROM THE UNITED STATES. KITTY TRAVELED WITH COLOSSUS TO WASHINGTON, D.C., WHERE SHE TESTIFIED AGAINST THE BILL ON BEHALF OF MUTANTKIND. DESPITE SAVING THE CONGRESSPEOPLE AT THE HEARING FROM AN UNRELATED ATTACK, THE BILL IS LIKELY TO PASS.

MEANWHILE, IN RUSSIA, A GROUP OF GANGSTERS USED A MAGIC RITUAL TO RESURRECT THE LONG-DEAD MUTANT KNOWN AS OMEGA RED.

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KITTY PRYDE



STORM
ORORO MUNROE



NIGHTCRAWLER
KURT WAGNER



COLOSSUS
PIOTR RASPUTIN



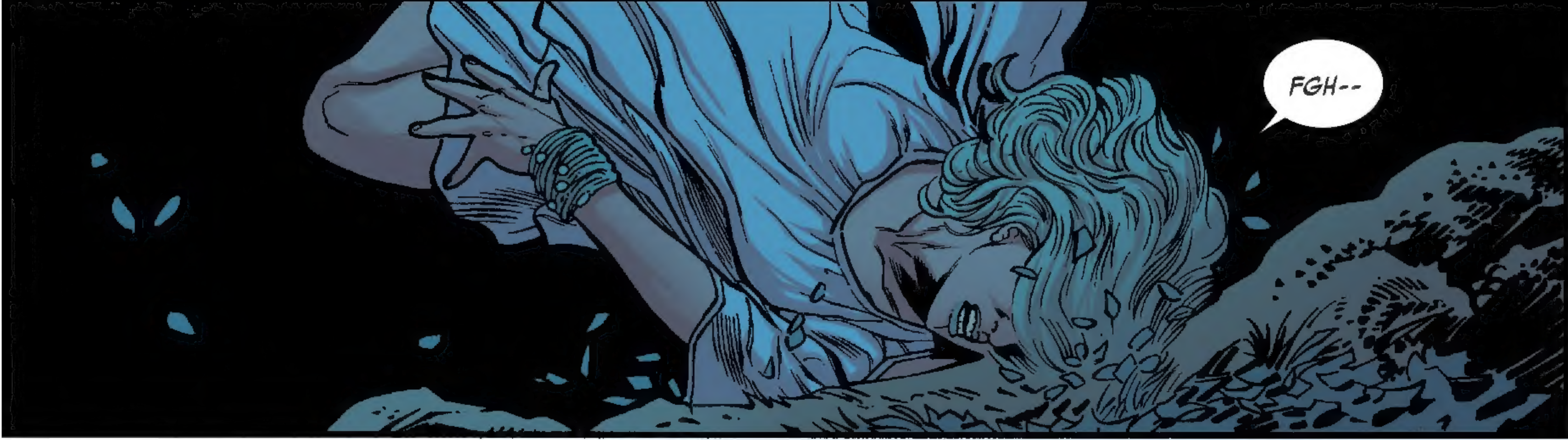
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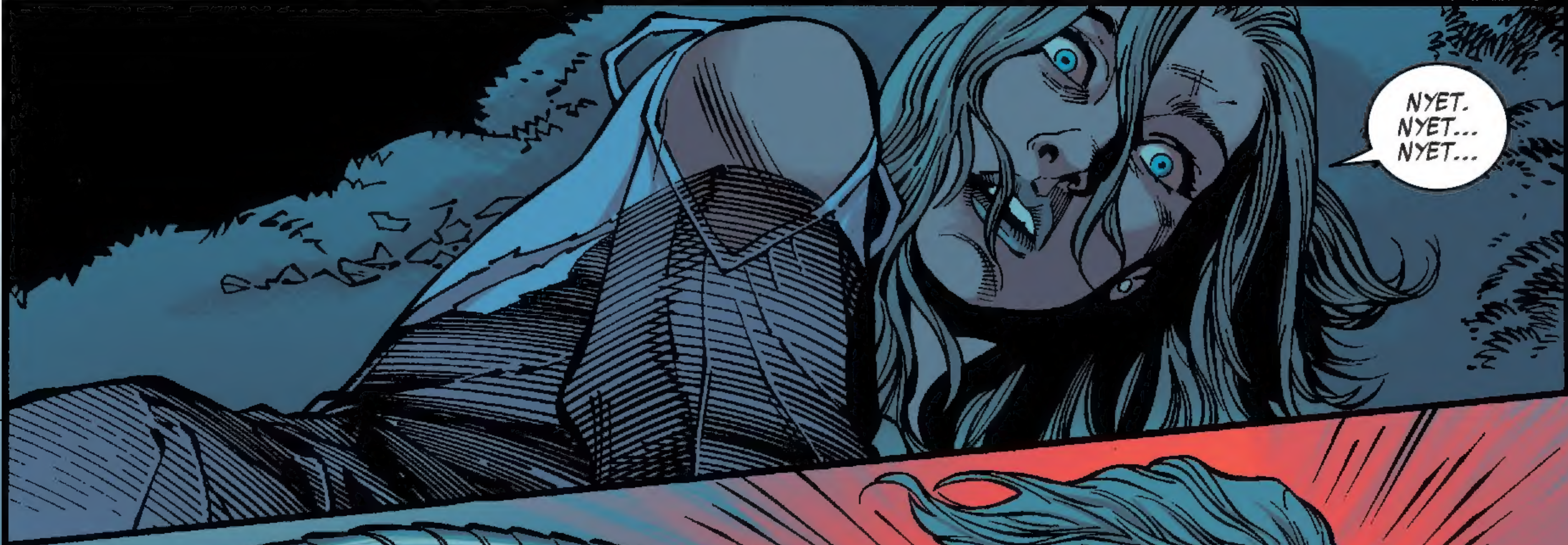
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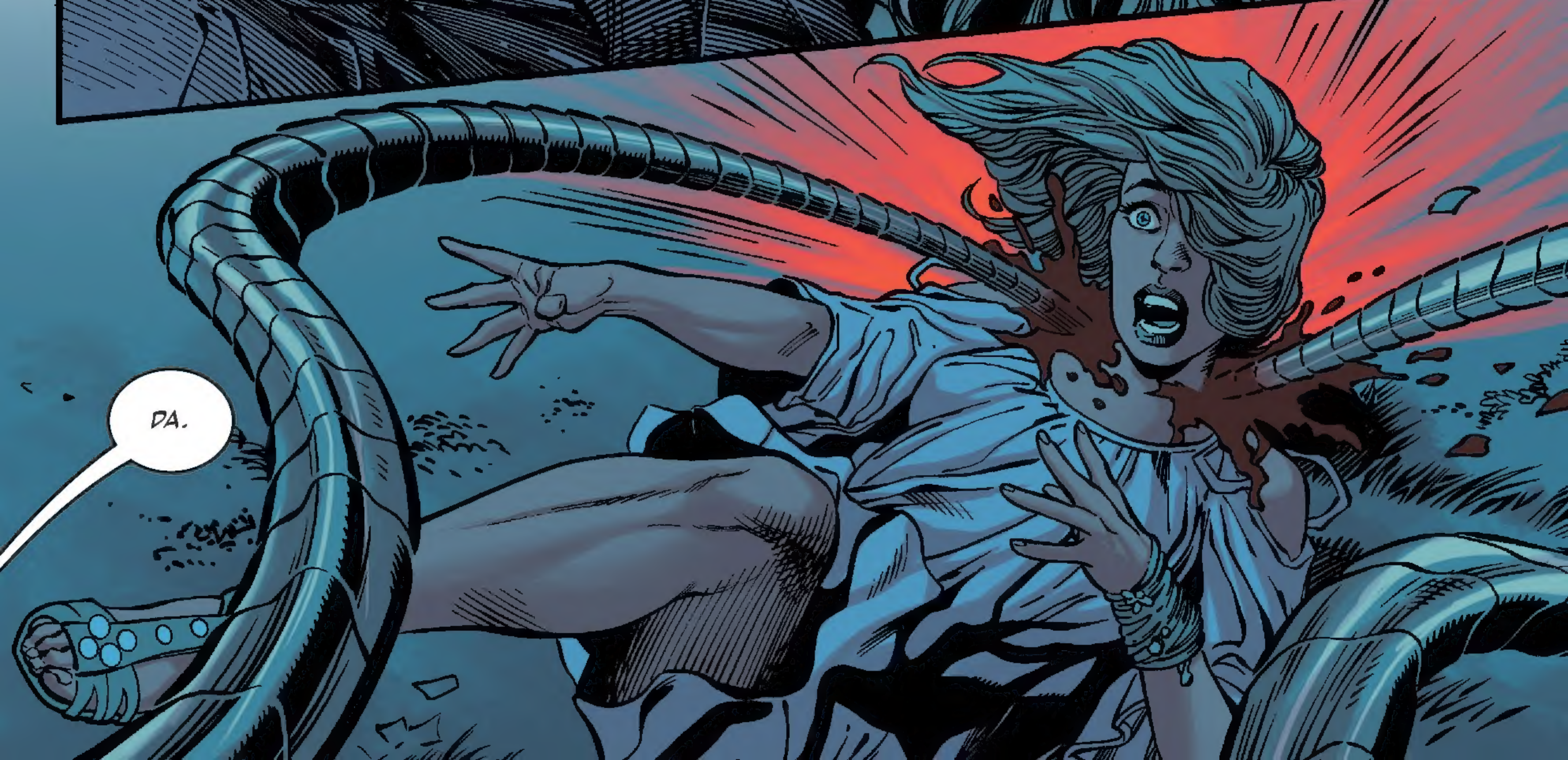
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RUSSIA.



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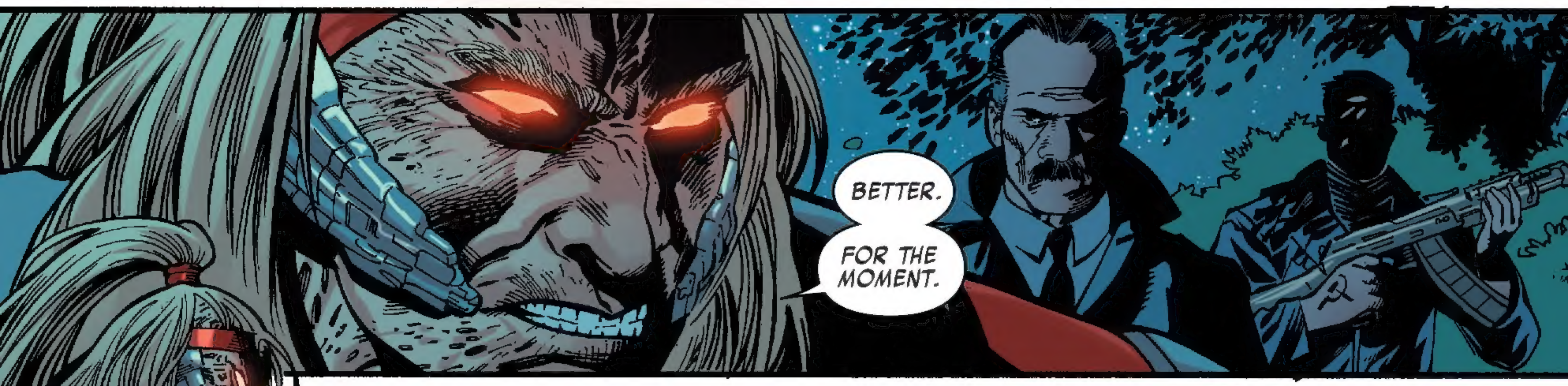


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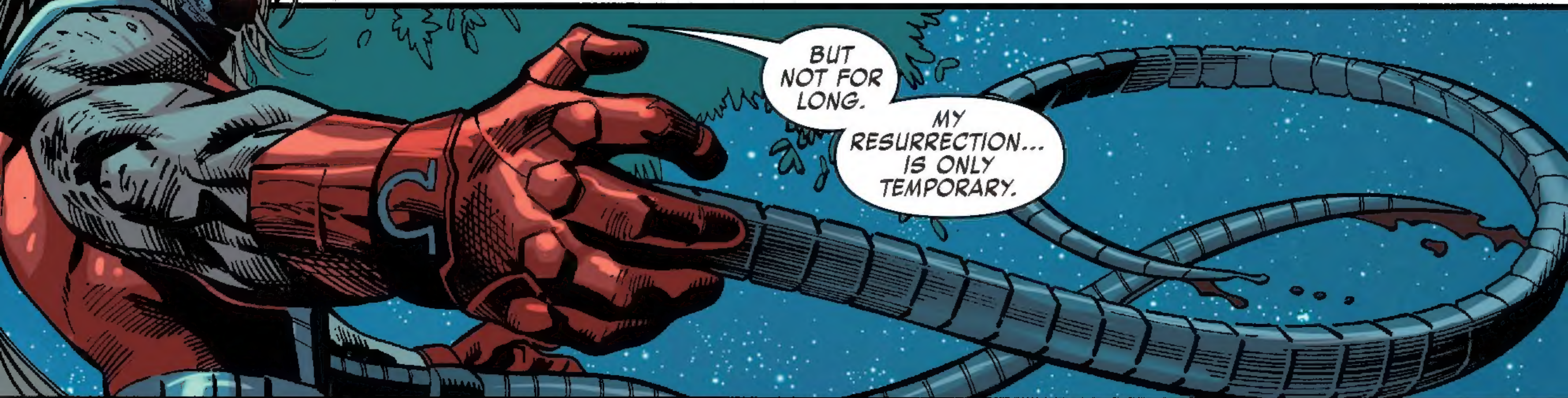


HOW DO YOU FEEL, MY FRIEND?*

*TRANSLATED FROM RUSSIAN.



BETTER.
FOR THE MOMENT.



BUT NOT FOR LONG.
MY RESURRECTION... IS ONLY TEMPORARY.



YES, I KNOW THIS. BUT WHEELS ARE IN MOTION.

WHEN COMPLETE... RUSSIA WILL ONCE AGAIN TREMBLE AT THE NAME

OMEGA RED.

**THE XAVIER INSTITUTE
FOR MUTANT EDUCATION
AND OUTREACH.**

X-MEN,
PREPARE TO
SUFFER YOUR
MOST BITTER
DEFEAT...

...OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS A
FULL HOUSE.

QUEENS
HIGH. NOT BAD,
KURT.

BUT NOT
GOOD ENOUGH,
EITHER.

ACES
HIGH,
BUB.

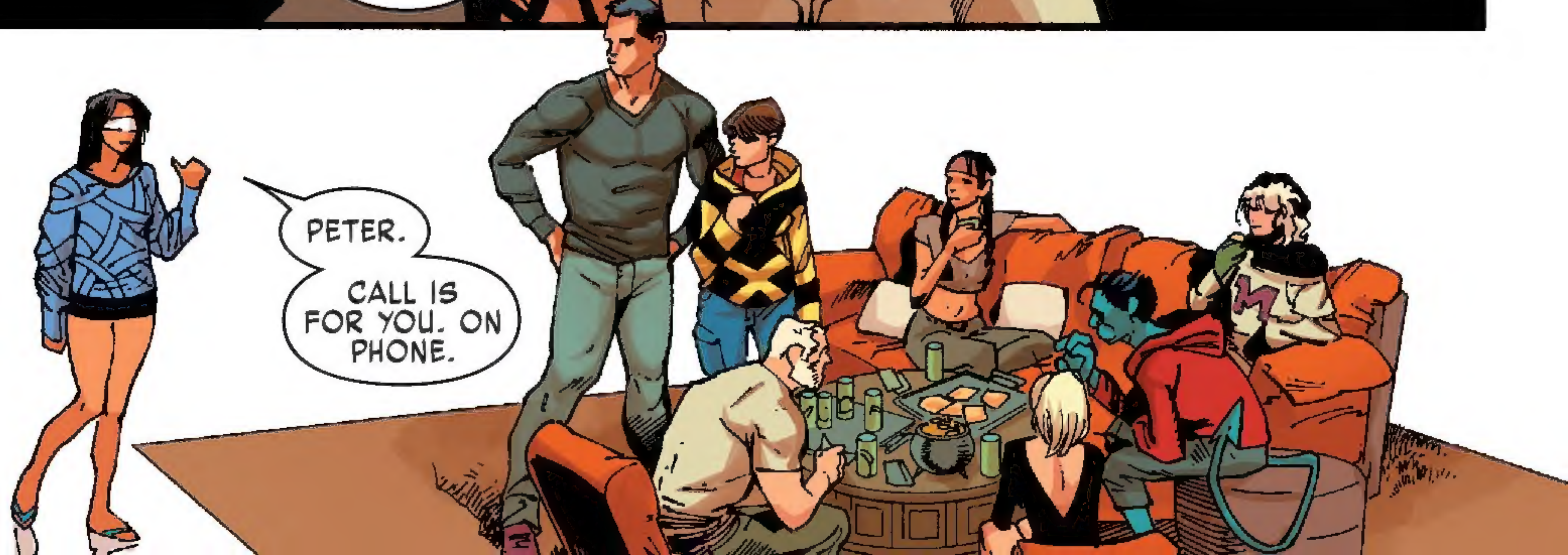
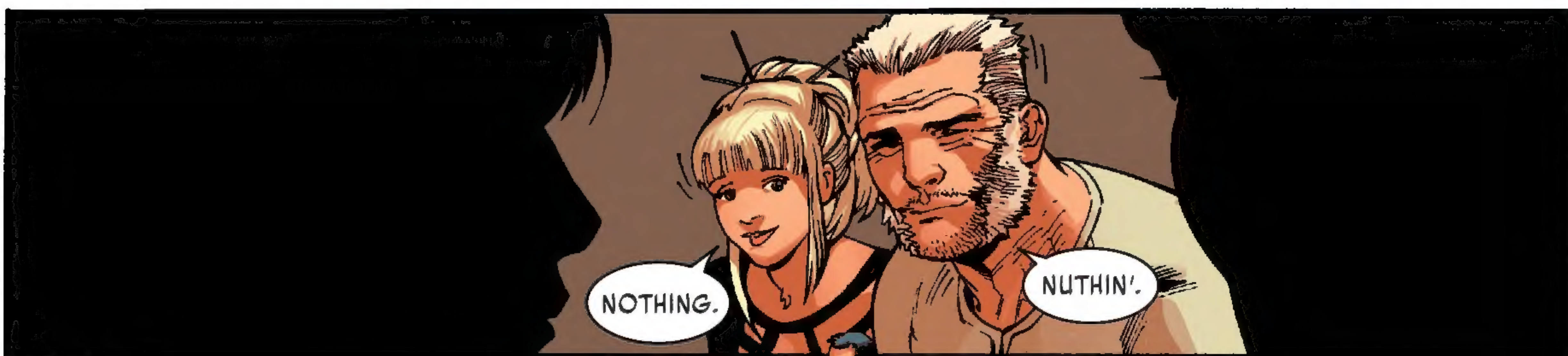
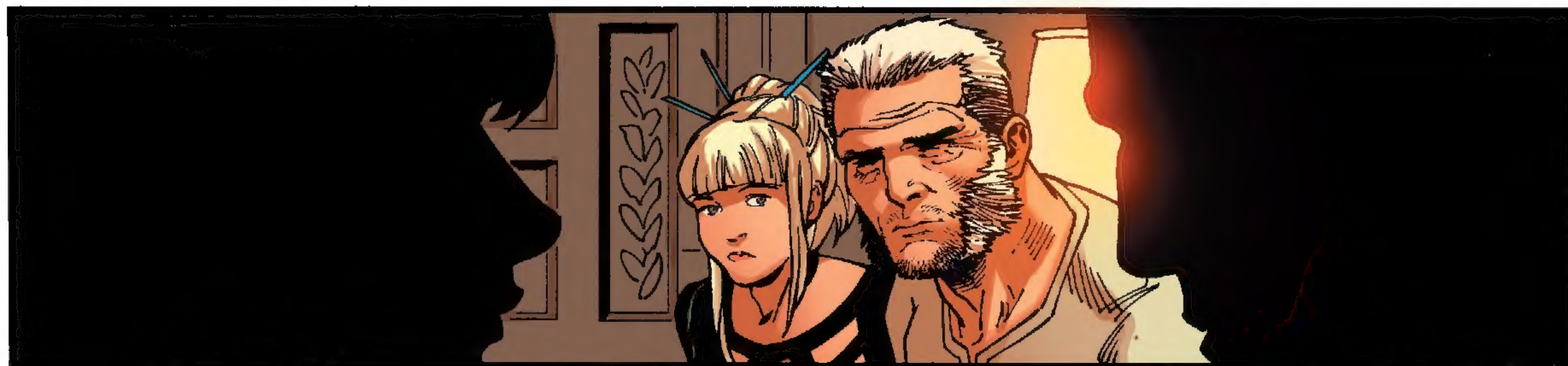
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HAND IN A ROW.
HOW DOES HE
DO IT?

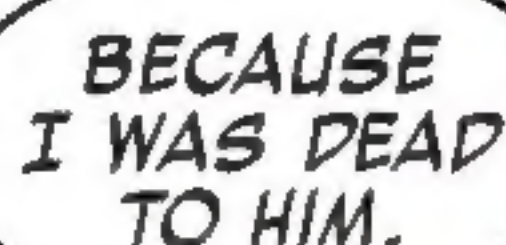
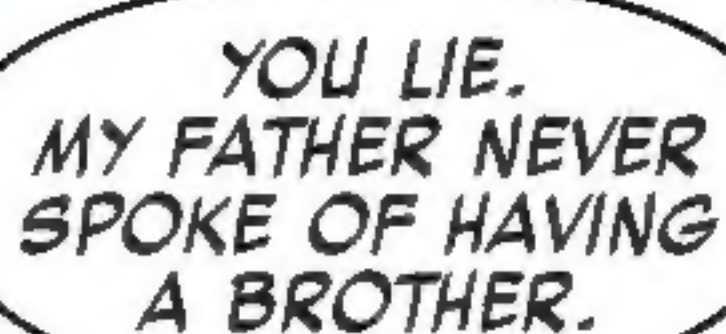
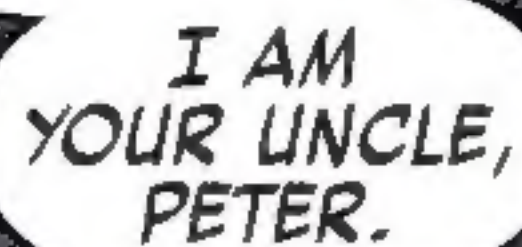
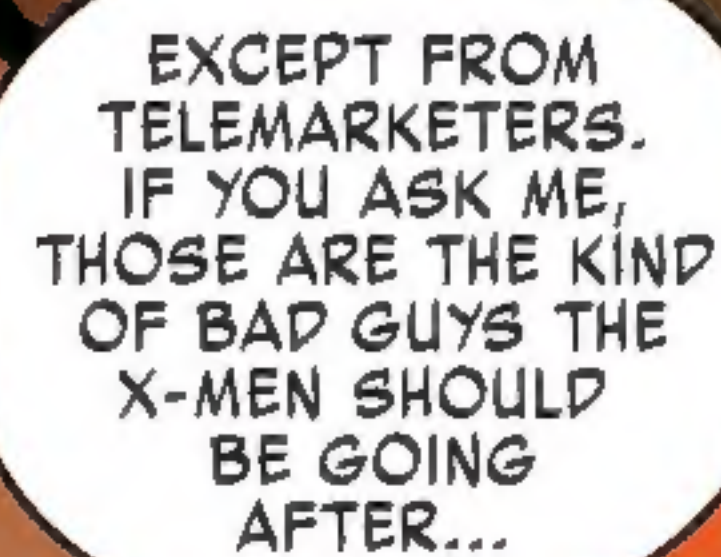
I'M THE
BEST THERE IS
AT WHAT I DO,
ROGUE...

...BUT I
AIN'T TOO
SHABBY AT
POKER,
EITHER.

AND
IT DOESN'T
HURT YOU'VE
GOT HEIGHTENED
SENSES THAT CAN
LITERALLY **SMELL**
A BLUFF.

NO,
KITTEN,
IT SURE
DON'T.





MOSCOW, RUSSIA.

IN
RUSSIA, I AM
CRIMINAL.

WHEN
YOU WERE
JUST A LITTLE
BOY, I JOINED
SOLNTSEVSKAYA
BRATVA.

YOUR
FATHER...MY
BROTHER...HE
DID NOT
APPROVE.

WE
NEVER SPOKE
AGAIN.

BUT I'VE
KEPT UP WITH
YOUR ADVENTURES
IN AMERICA, MY
NEPHEW.

YOU HAVE
MADE YOUR
FAMILY VERY
PROUD.

WHY ARE
YOU REACHING
OUT TO ME NOW?
AFTER ALL THIS
TIME?

BECAUSE
OUR HOME IS IN
GRAVE DANGER,
PIOTR.

MY PAKHAN
IS A MAN
NAMED VIKTOR
KOMOLOV.

AND HE
HAS DONE
SOMETHING
TERRIBLE.

HE HAS
RETURNED TO
LIFE A VERY
DANGEROUS
MAN.

HIS
NAME IS ARKADY
ROSSOVICH.



"BUT MOST
KNOW HIM AS
OMEGA RED."

I HATE
THIS GUY.



I NEVER
HAD THE
PLEASURE.
WHAT CAN
YOU TELL
US?

THAT ONE
OF THE BEST
THINGS I EVER
DID IN THIS LIFE,
PUNKIN', WAS
KILL HIM.

ROSISOVICH
WAS A SERIAL
KILLER WHO THE
GOVERNMENT
TRIED TO EXECUTE
FOR HIS
CRIMES.

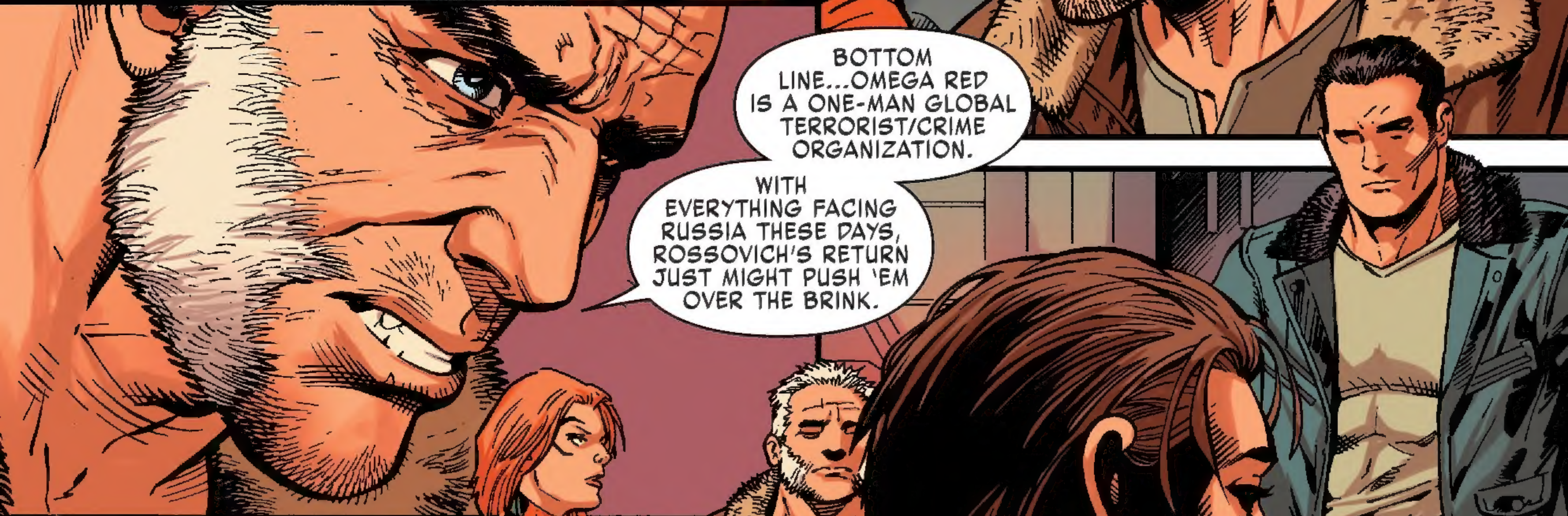
TRIED?

SOME
SOVIETS HAD
OTHER IDEAS,
SO THEY PUT
HIM IN THEIR
SUPER-SOLDIER
PROGRAM.



NATURALLY.

HE'S GOT
A HEALING FACTOR
AND A MUTANT POWER
THAT LETS HIM VAMPIRE
OUT PEOPLE'S LIFE
FORCES.



BOTTOM
LINE...OMEGA RED
IS A ONE-MAN GLOBAL
TERRORIST/CRIME
ORGANIZATION.

WITH
EVERYTHING FACING
RUSSIA THESE DAYS,
ROSISOVICH'S RETURN
JUST MIGHT PUSH 'EM
OVER THE BRINK.



AND
THAT'S
ASSUMING WE
CAN BELIEVE
WHAT HE
SAID.

WHICH
PART?



THE PART ABOUT BRINGING ROSSOVICH BACK TO LIFE?

OR THE PART ABOUT BEING OUR UNCLE?



I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE SKEPTICAL, ILLYANA.

BUT I HAVE FAINT MEMORIES OF OUR FATHER SPEAKING OF A BROTHER.

I ASKED HIM ABOUT IT ONCE, AND HE SAID HE HAD NO SIBLINGS.



BUT IN A WAY THAT SHOWED THE QUESTION PAINED HIM. AND THAT I SHOULD NEVER ASK IT AGAIN.



MAYBE YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO PAPA NOW.

PAPA IS DEAD. ALONG WITH MOTHER...



CRIMINAL OR NOT, THIS ANATOLY IS THE LAST OF OUR FAMILY.

WE'VE ENTERED RUSSIAN AIRSPACE, MEIN FREUNDE.

I'VE ENGAGED OUR CLOAK...

RUSSIA.
ABANDONED SOVIET RAILYARD.

"WE'RE EN ROUTE
TO THE LOCATION
MR. RASPUTIN
SPECIFIED."

STILL
FEELING
WARY, LITTLE
SNOWFLAKE?

YEAH.
ENOUGH FOR
THE **BOTH**
OF US.

DON'T
WORRY...

"...WE HAVE
OUR FRIENDS
TO WATCH
OVER US."

ILLYANA
DOESN'T LIKE HOW
THIS SMELLS. I'M
GETTIN' THE SAME
REEK.

BETWEEN
THE SIX OF US,
WE'RE PACKING
A LOT OF
FIREPOWER.

WE CAN
HANDLE A FEW
RUSSIAN MOBSTERS
IF THIS GOES
SIDWAYS ON
US.

AND
I TRUST
PETER.

YEAH. I
CLOCKED A LOT
OF "TRUSTING"
GOING ON BETWEEN
YOU AND HIM
BACK AT THE
MANSION.

LOGAN--

JUST SAYIN'.
THAT LITTLE
JAUNT YOU GUYS
TOOK TO D.C.
MUST'VE BEEN
SOME TRIP...

ALL
TEAMS,
REPORT
IN.

BEFORE I DIE OF
EMBARRASSMENT.



ALL IS
QUIET.



SAME.

PSYCHICALLY
SPEAKING,
EVERYTHING'S
CHILL.



JA.
I--

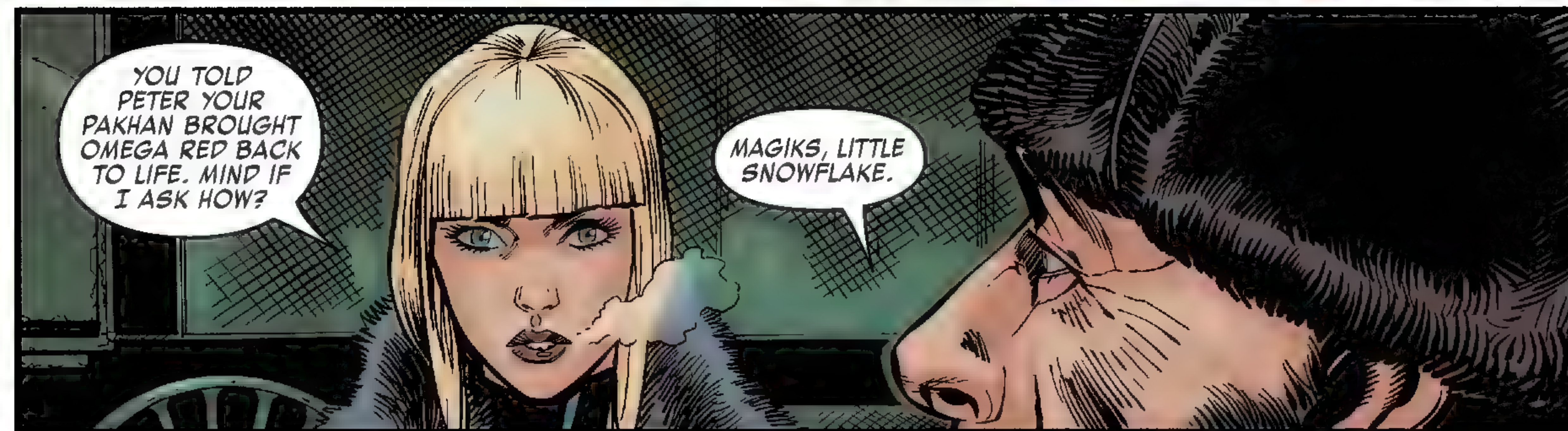
WAIT. I SEE
MOVEMENT...



BOZHE
MOI...



...MY
FAMILY IS
HERE. I ALMOST
CANNOT
BELIEVE MY OWN
TWO EYES.



"KOMOLOV HAS
PROFICIENCY IN
THE BLACK ARTS.

"HE'S TAUGHT
WHAT HE KNOWS
TO HIS BRATVA.

"AND WITH OUR HELP, HE
BROUGHT ROSSOVICH
BACK FROM DEATH."

WITH YOUR
HELP?

KOMOLOV
IS PAKHAN.
TO DEFY HIM
IS TO DIE
HORRIBLY.

BUT I KNEW
I HAD TO DO
SOMETHING.
WHICH IS WHY I
CALLED YOU.

WHERE CAN
WE FIND
ROSSOVICH?

KOMOLOV'S
COMMAND OF
MAGIKS IS MEAGER.
ROSSOVICH'S
RESURRECTION HAS
PROVEN TO BE ONLY
TEMPORARY.

"HE'S KEEPING HIMSELF
ALIVE WITH HIS POWER TO
TAKE LIFE FROM OTHERS..."



...
...BUT EVEN
THAT WILL FAIL HIM
EVENTUALLY.

WHICH MEANS
ROSSOVICH IS
VULNERABLE.



DA.
IF WE
STRIKE NOW,
AND QUICK, WHILE
KOMOLOV AND
ROSSOVICH ARE
NONE THE WISER,
WE CAN...



...END
THIS.



SO
WHO'S THIS
NOW?



KOMOLOV'S
MEN.
BE
CAREFUL. I
TOLD YOU...



...HE'S
TAUGHT
THEM--



I
KNOW...

...MAGIK.



SHOULD'A KNOWN.

THIS WHOLE SITCH HAS SMELLED ROTTEN FROM JUMP.



DAMN, I HATE BEIN' RIGHT ALL THE FLAMIN' TIME...

SNIKT

SNIKT

EVERYONE MOVE!

UNCLE ANATOLY--

I AM SORRY, PIOTR...



...THEY MUST HAVE FOLLOWED ME HERE.



RUSSIAN
MOBSTERS...

BAMF

...WITH
MAGIC.

WHOEVER
THOUGHT...

BAMF

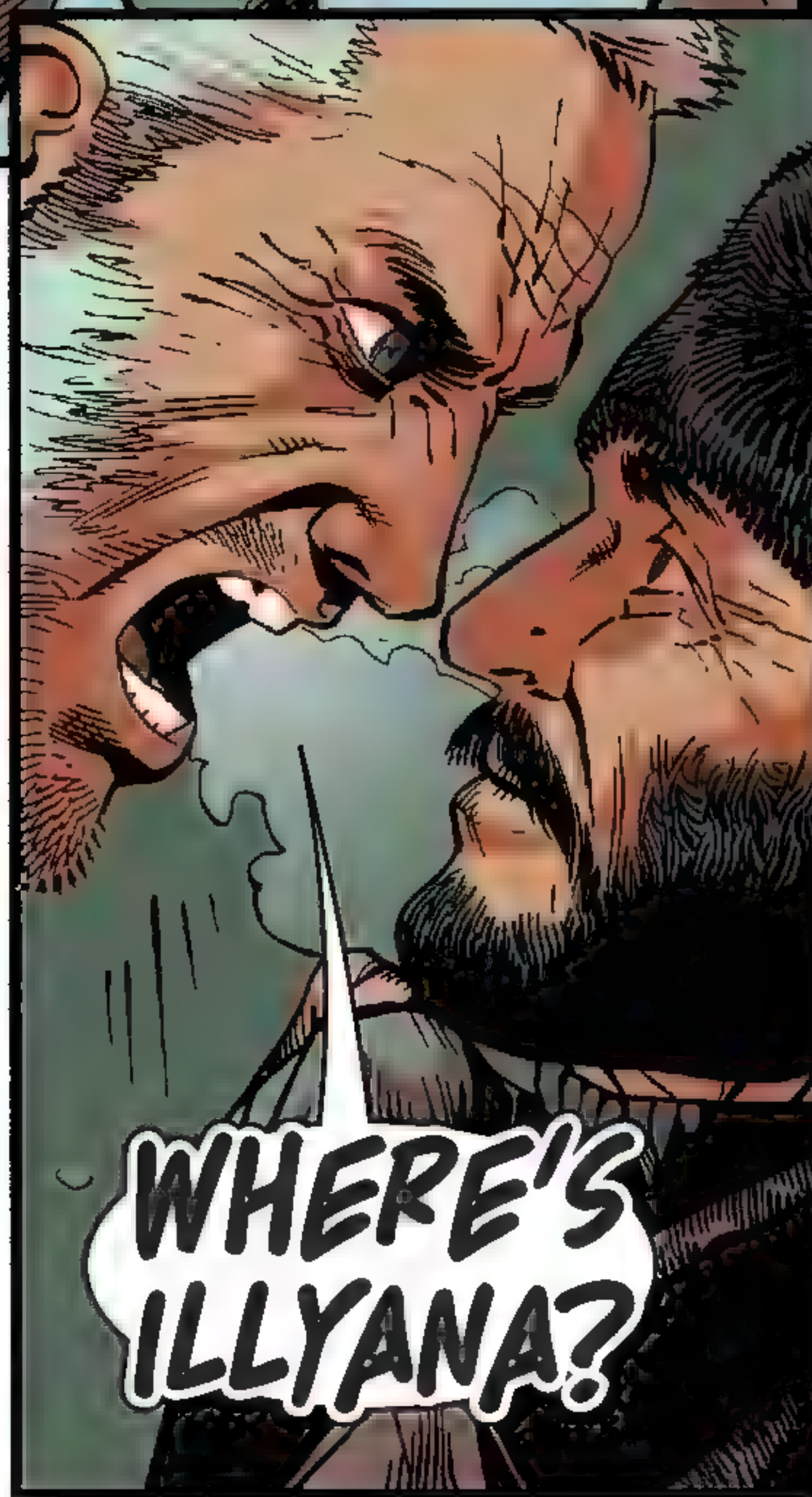
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WAS A GOOD
IDEA?

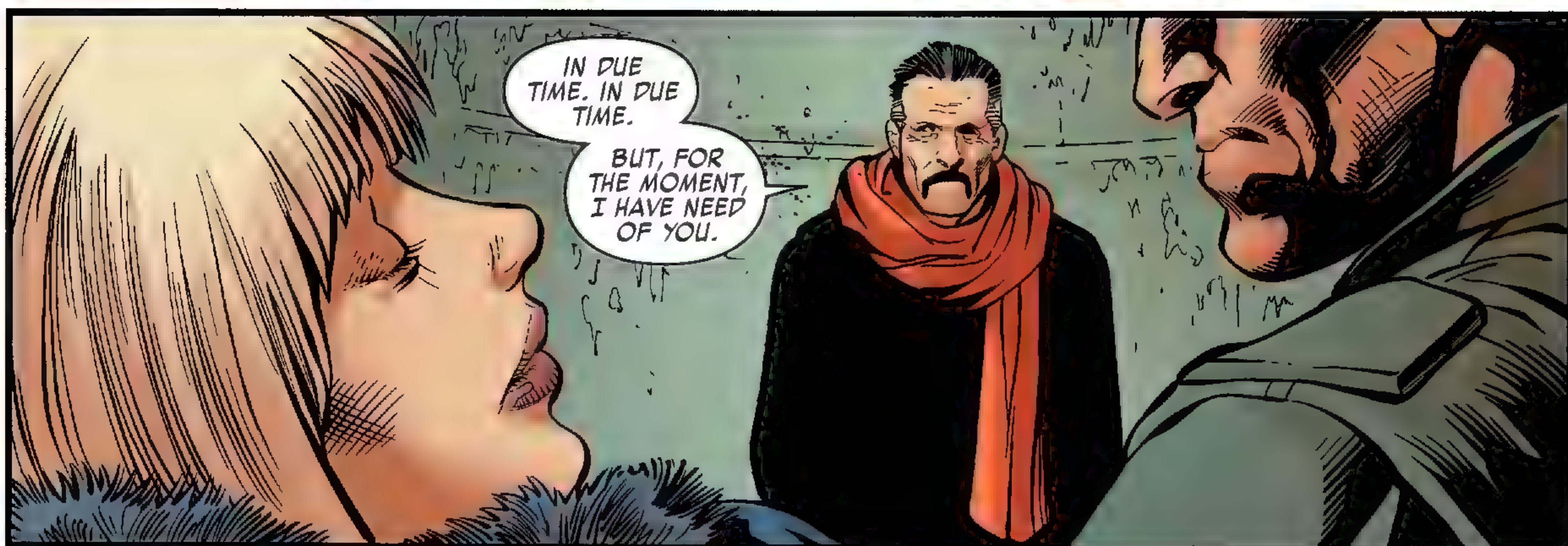
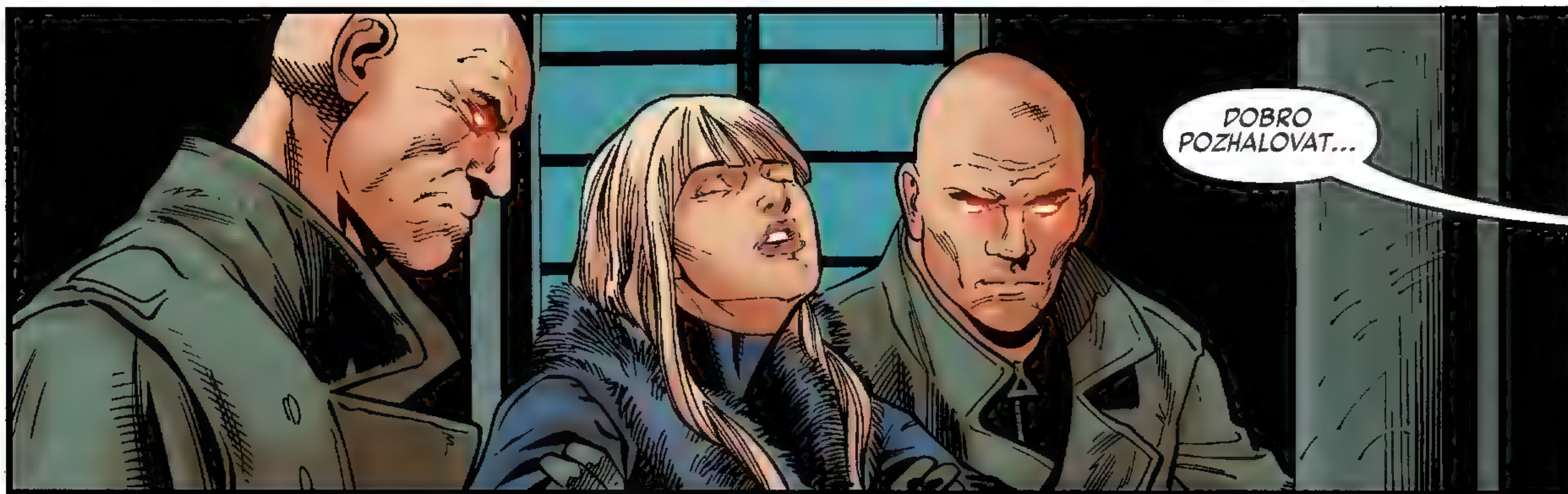
BAMF

MAGIC OR
NOT, THEY'RE ONLY
MOBSTERS.

THUGS.









IT IS
MY FRIEND,
ARKADY.

ПРОДОЛЖЕНИЕ СЛЕДУЕТ!

X-MEN

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THE GOLD STANDARD

Hello X-MEN GOLD team!

Admittedly I have never been a “letters to the editor” kind of guy, but having now read the first issue of X-MEN GOLD, I felt the need to express my gratitude. Growing up, the X-Men were always some of my favorite super heroes, and when I got into the actual comic books my jumping on point for X-Men was the excellent Todd Nauck and Chris Claremont run of NIGHTCRAWLER. I was drawn to that book by the beautiful art and amazing sense of hope and optimism on display, and I was overjoyed to find the same qualities in the first issue of GOLD. I cannot wait to dig more into this series and see the X-Men go back to being heroes first rather than an endangered species. Thank you for making these comics bright again, I am excited to see what is to come.

Sincerely,
Hayden Smith.

Thanks, Hayden! That’s high praise indeed. Chris’ (master)work on X-Men is my north star.

First, I’d like to say issue #1 was great. Love the new team dynamics and can’t wait to see what the rest of the issues bring. Keep the great art and writing coming.

Thanks
Joe Evans
North Royalton, OH

Was there a “second”? ;) Seriously, thanks for writing in!

I bought my first comic in 1986 at a corner store. It was CLASSIC X-MEN #14 and while it was the cover that caught my eye, it was the story inside that fueled my imagination while the characters inspired me. I’ve seen many X-Men rosters and story arcs come and go since then and I’m happy to say that this X-MEN GOLD team and story is the first in a long time to remind me of that 1986 book.

Wow! Thank you! That’s incredibly kind and humbling praise!

While I’m not a big fan of Rachel Summers I do love the new name and look.

See, Internet? There’s someone who does! ;) Seriously though, big things coming for Ms. Summers. Big.

I’ve also long thought of Kitty Pryde as the often underused heart and soul of the team. I selfishly love the seemingly nostalgic direction she’s taking this team in already!

Thanks for an amazing and inspiring read.

Ken Platt
Sault Ste Marie, Ontario

Thank YOU for the kind letter.

Hey!

My name is Zach Weatherholt with Big Bang Toys Comics and Games in Owensboro, KY, and I’ve just gotta give credit where credit is due. You guys killed it with GOLD #1! I’ll admit that when it was first solicited I was a bit skeptical because every X-#1 I’ve picked up recently has felt like I was missing something, or I should have taken a college-level History of the X-Men course or something along those lines. But when I saw that the team was pretty much the old school second wave of X-Men with Nightcrawler and Colossus I knew it was going to be... well... gold! The book walked me in and caught me up where I didn’t feel like I was missing anything which was super dope and I definitely appreciated the history lesson at the end. Thanks everyone! Stay gold!

P.S. To my co-worker Michael who said he was excited to NOT read this book: Eat it, man. Book was tight.

Okay, first of all... Zach Weatherholt. Best. Name. Ever. Seriously, YOU should be a comic book character. LOVE that name. Too awesome. (And that’s coming from someone who used to practice law with a guy named Tony Bravo. I also practiced with a Richard Alcock -- think about it -- but that’s another story altogether...)

Second, I completely agree: Eat it, Michael.

Finally, thanks so much for the kind words and for taking time to write in. Everyone involved with GOLD sincerely appreciates it.

Zach Weatherholt. Awesome.

Since I seem to have some space here, I want to reiterate my appreciation for those of you who have taken the time and made the effort to write in. Chris Robinson (affectionately known around these parts as “Non-Claremont Chris”) pointed out to me that most books see their incoming letters diminishing, but we’re still going strong. So, thank you very, very much.

As I write this, I’m in the midst of working on the script for -- believe it or not -- issue 14 and I feel like we’re really hitting our stride. Major props to Lan Medina, Jay Leisten, Ken Lashley, Mike Mayhew and Frank Martin for working tirelessly to produce incredible work under a very ambitious double-shipping schedule. The best is truly yet to come.

**Best,
Marc Guggenheim
Encino, California**

HOUSE OF X

We recently had a really special book debut. That's right, the return of **ASTONISHING X-MEN**--this time written by the extraordinary Charles Soule with an oversized first issue illustrated by the incredibly talented Jim Cheung.

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So while I know that we have some amazing X-Men books already on the stands, treat yourself to the first issue of this book. You won't be disappointed. Issue one of **ASTONISHING X-MEN** is on sale **NOW!**

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OLD MAN LOGAN:

By Ed Brisson and Mike Deodato Jr. The Maestro! Old Man Logan! Deodato! 'Nuff said!
Issue #28!

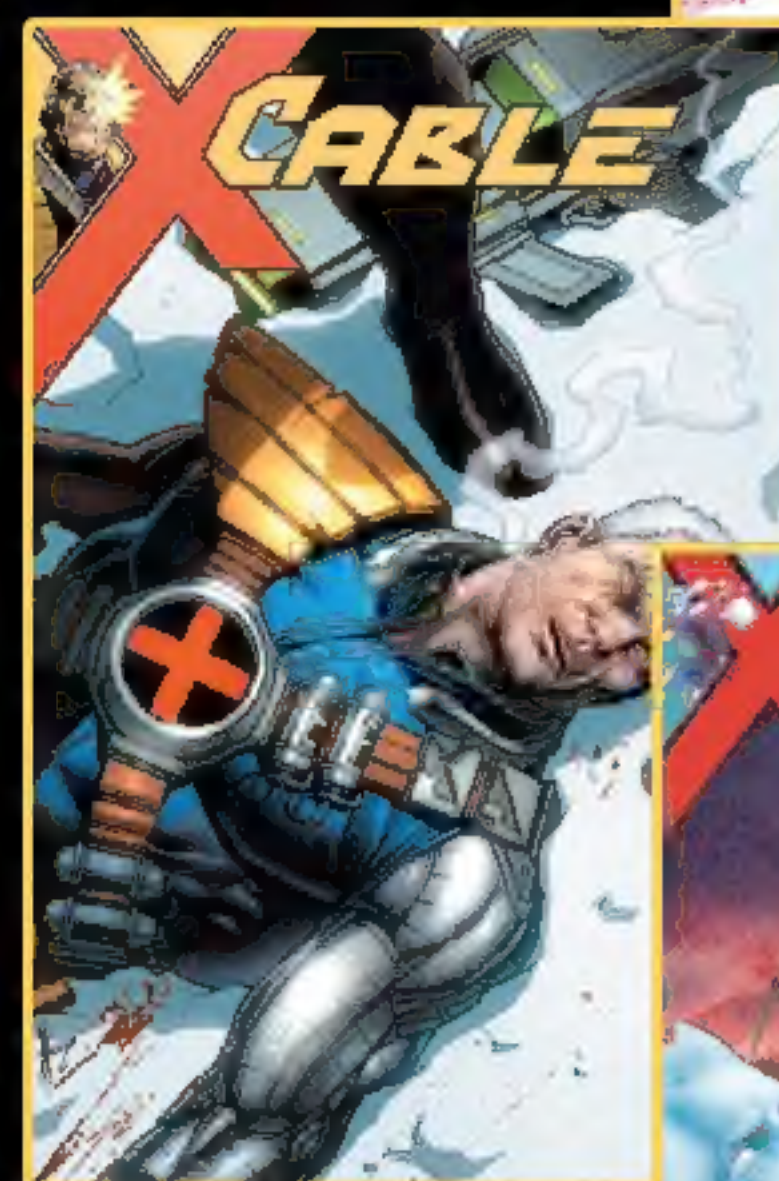
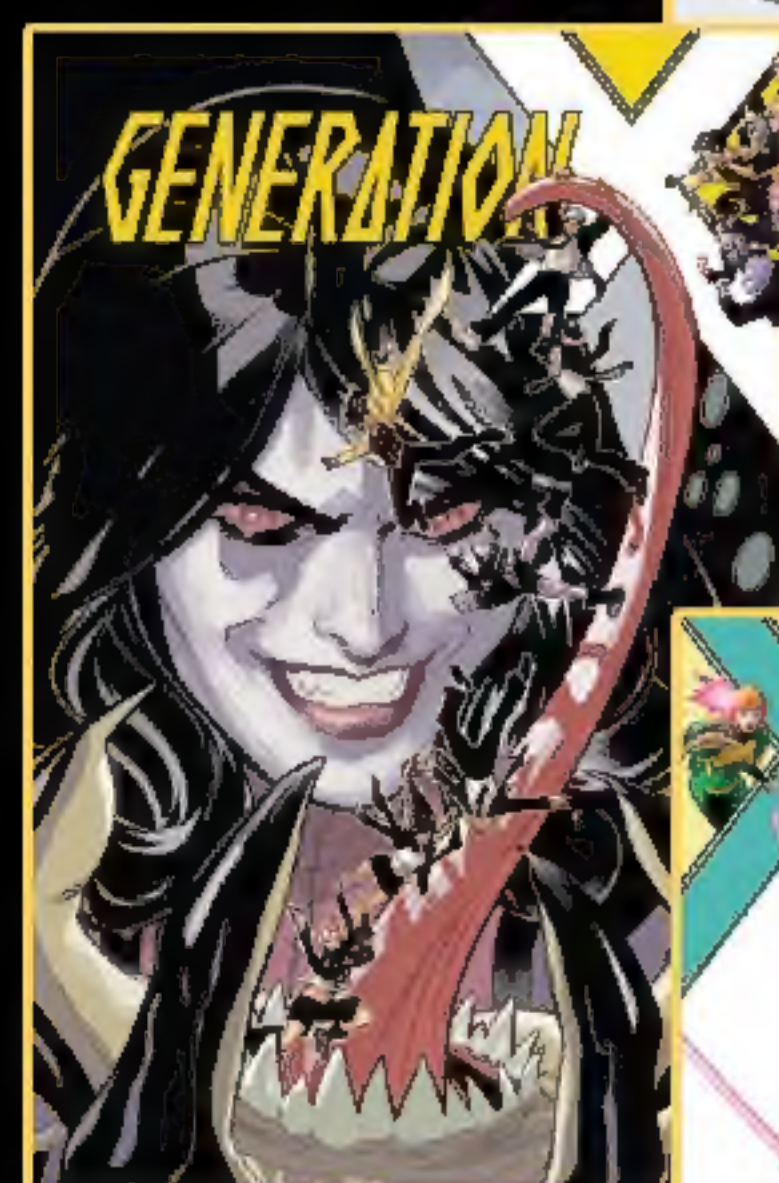
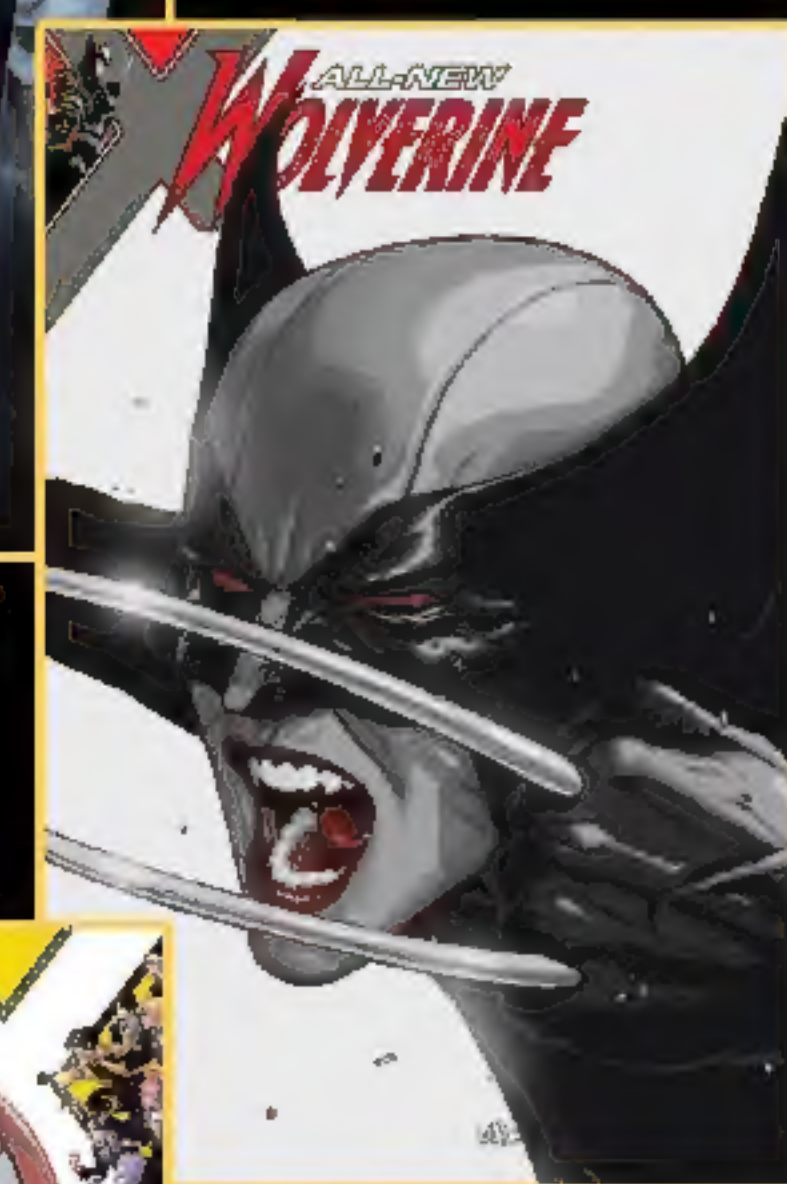
ASTONISHING X-MEN:

By Charles Soule and a murderers' row of chart-topping and up-and-coming artists. Fan-favorite characters battle one of the X-Men's most dangerous foes!
Issue #2!

Make sure to let us know your thoughts. You can email us at officex@marvel.com (add "OKAY TO PRINT" in the subject line). And don't forget about **#XMENMONDAY** on Twitter, where I'll post some tidbit from one or more of the books and address your questions. I can't guarantee an answer for everybody, but I'll do my darndest!



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